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## News Briefs

### Holiday weekend

May 28 has been designated an Air Combat Command Family Day, which will make Memorial Day weekend a four-day weekend this year.

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the extended weekend in a fun, but safe way using some of the following tips:

1. If you drink, designate a driver before going out or call the AADD program at 850-2233.
2. When planning an outing, apply personal risk management to ensure you return home safely.
3. Avoid extended driving periods, take frequent breaks to stretch and don't try to "make that extra mile" before stopping for the night.
4. Above all – keep an eye out and avoid putting yourself into unsafe situations, use the wingman policy – it pays!

### Free posters

The 12th Air Force Public Affairs has 2004 Armed Forces Day Posters available to any 12 AF unit. There is a limited number of posters, so they will be issued one per unit on first come-first serve basis. There are also History of Flight lithographs still available for interested units. Please call 8-6053 or stop by the PA office to pick up an Armed Forces Day poster or a lithograph for your office.

### Got a story idea?

Does your workcenter have a new mission or some hi-tech equipment? Has someone in your unit recently participated in a major sports event or have a unique hobby, call 12th Air Force Public Affairs at 228-6053.

## 12 AF supports international airshow

**Photos and Article by Lt. Sarah Schwennesen**  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

More than 80 U.S. Air Force personnel participated in *Feria Internacional del Aire y del Espacio 2004 (FIDAE)* from March 29 through 4 April in Santiago, Chile.



*A member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Parachute Team, The Wings of Blue, displays the American flag during a performance jump at FIDAE.*

Cadets, maintainers, C-130 reservists, security forces, space operators and F-16 pilots liaised with their international counterparts and exhibited airpower during this important international exhibition and air show.

The FIDAE participants performed aerial and static demonstrations in front of more than 430,000 international spectators.

Hundreds of exhibitors from more than 50 countries showcased advances in military technologies throughout the week, culminating in F-16 demonstrations that exhibited the abilities of the aircraft, which Chile will acquire in 2005.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Parachute Demonstration Team performed during the week and participated in events with their Chilean Parachute Team counterparts, building strong foundations for future U.S. Air Force international relations.

They also visited with cadets at the Chilean Air Force Academy.

FIDAE was a meeting ground for militaries and international companies from



*(From left) William Brownfield, U.S. Ambassador to Chile, Bruce Lemkin, Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander, and Maj. Gen. Robert Bishop, U.S. Southern Command deputy commander, cut the ribbon to the U.S. Pavilion during the 2004 FIDAE in Santiago, Chile.*

across the globe. U.S. Air Force participation in this event affirmed our commitment to friends and allies in the South American region.

## What World War II Memorial means to military

**Maj. Jeff Decker**  
379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — The recent opening of the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. and its dedication this Memorial Day are highlighting the service of a generation who stood up to protect our nation, fought tyranny and freed an oppressed European continent 60 years ago.

We are now in a conflict as arduous and noble as the struggle fought by our great grandparents, grandparents and older aunts and uncles, a fight our secretary of defense believes "is the most important tasking the U.S. military has been handed since the second world war." It is fitting to recognize a previous group of Americans with whom we share a heritage of duty and sacrifice.

About 16 million Americans served in the Armed Forces during World War II, performing their duty across the entire globe. Many of us have visited the European or Pacific battlefields while stationed overseas or at least seen "Saving Private Ryan" or the "Band of Brothers" mini-series. Now with this new memorial, 290 million Americans and countless others from

different countries can visualize the enormity of World War II.

Of the Americans who did serve during the war, more than 400,000 did not return home. A single wall within the memorial park is adorned with 4,000 gold stars; each star represents 100 Americans who died during the three and half years of fighting, a poignant reminder of the tremendous sacrifice felt across big cities, small communities and the farms of rural America.

World War II was the defining moment of the 20th Century. This memorial now stands in our nation's capital to thank those who served from North Africa to the Pacific and across Europe, when America faced a determined enemy and a world threatened by totalitarian states. It is also a powerful symbol to our fellow citizens and those who wear the uniform today that we too are engaged with a resolute adversary and a world facing the dangers of global terrorism, a war we must win to protect our homeland and our way of life.

You are following in the steps of Americans who answered the call on their watch. Now it's time for us to do the same. Remember that when you see the World War II Memorial.



## Recognition road trip

Left: Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander, (right) presents A1C Karl Musick, 474th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, with the Davis-Monthan Airmen of the Quarter plaque during the general's April 26 visit to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Right: Lt. Gen. Schmidt (left) presents MSgt. Vickie Kraemer, 474 EOSS, with the Davis-Monthan Senior NCO of the Quarter Award. The general also presented the two deployed 612th Air Communications Squadron members with their 12th Air Force Quarterly Awards during his visit to Haiti.

Courtesy photos



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# SALUTE!

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments

## Promotees

**Airman**  
Matthew Smith

**Senior Airman**  
Bradley Boatman  
Catherine Brandon  
Crystal Bumpers  
Dwayne Satterwhite  
Desirae Strybos  
Melissa Weinbender

**Staff Sgt**  
Teresa Breaux  
Kyle Krieman

**Master Sgt**  
Ronald Bradford

**First Lieutenant**  
Margaret Cowden  
Aubrey Curtis

**David Fishman**  
Rebecca Hammond  
Paul Homan  
Quincy Hudson  
Howard Moore



**Captain**  
Sacha Lima

## Top of the 12th

TSgt. Heather L. Maddaleno is the NCOIC, Information Management in the 612th Air Intelligence Squadron.

"Heather is the glue that holds our squadron together and a model NCO epitomizing Air Force core values," said Maj. Joe D. McDonald, Director of Operations, 612 AIS. "She is dedicated, professional, knowledgeable and always concerned with the well being of others. Serving with her is truly an honor and distinct pleasure."



TSgt. Maddaleno

**Years of service:** 19.5

**Hometown:** Numa, Iowa

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities:** Focal point overseeing the squadron administrative operations, personnel programs and Commander's Support Staff, provides guidance and assistance to squadron personnel on administrative and personnel issues, and tracks and coordinates the Commander's schedule and over 500 squadron taskers per year.

**Favorite aspects of D-M:** My unit and the people.

**If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be?** Update the NCO club facilities.

**What motivates your winning attitude?** I love being in the military and all the opportunities that provides.

## New commander takes over 612 CPS



*Col. Christopher Haave, 612th Air Operations Group commander, (left) and Col. Gary Cox (right) stand at the ready in preparation for Col. Cox's assumption of command of the 612th Combat Plans Squadron on April. 20. A1C Terrence Williford, (center) was the guide-on bearer for the ceremony.*

SSgt. Matthew Lohr

## Other Recognition

Tyrone Barbery, 612 TOG, was presented with a Letter of Appreciation and a Certificate of Appreciation from Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, for his contributions to the 2003 Global Air Chiefs Conference. The presentation occurred Apr. 30. Maj. William Brinley, 612 SPTS, Capt. Hector Lopez, 12 AF, and Lynn Goff, 12 AF, were also recognized for their participation and will receive their letters and certificate at a later time.



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